Level 1 Threat Pollution

Class

Level 2 Threat: Domestic and Urban Waste Water

Description: Water-borne sewage and non-point runoff from housing and urban areas that include nutrients, toxic chemicals

and/or sediments

Species Associated With This Stressor:

Actinopterygii (Ray-finned Fishes)

SGCN Category

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Species: Alosa pseudoharengus (Alewife)

Total SGCN: 1: 12 2: 24

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Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: The specific causes of impact are increased non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient

inputs), increased turbidity, and lower dissolved oxygen.

Species: *Alosa sapidissima* (American Shad)

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Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: The specific causes of impact are increased non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient

inputs), increased turbidity, and lower dissolved oxygen.

Species: *Salmo salar* (Atlantic Salmon)

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Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Freshwater Atlantic salmon habitat near populated areas will be affected. As populations increase this

can be minimized. Spatial extend is entire state of Maine

Species: Acipenser oxyrinchus (Atlantic Sturgeon)

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Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: The specific causes of impact are increased non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient

inputs), increased turbidity, and lower dissolved oxygen.

Species: Alosa aestivalis (Blueback Herring)

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Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: The specific causes of impact are increased non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient

inputs), increased turbidity, and lower dissolved oxygen.

Species: Coregonus clupeaformis (Lake Whitefish)

2

Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Actionable with difficulty

Notes: Residential development on whitefish lakes can affect water quality and contribute to excessive nutrient

run-off.

Species: Osmerus mordax (Rainbow Smelt)

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Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient inputs) has been directly related to declining

smelt runs. Liklihood is high and increasing (high certainty), current spatial extent is most severe in Southern Maine, but expanding along coast, so actionability is moderate, i.e. the threat can be

minimized in newly developing areas.

Species: Prosopium cylindraceum (Round Whitefish)

2

Severity: Moderate Severity Actionable with difficulty

Notes: Residential development on whitefish lakes can affect water quality and contribute to excessive nutrient

run-off.

Species: *Acipenser brevirostrum* (Shortnose Sturgeon)

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Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: The specific causes of impact are increased non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient

inputs), increased turbidity, and lower dissolved oxygen.

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Species: Morone saxatilis (Striped Bass) 2

Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: The specific causes of impact are increased non-point source pollution (heavy metals and nutrient inputs), increased turbidity, and lower dissolved oxygen. Liklihood is high and increasing (high certainty), current spatial extent is Southern Maine, but expanding along coast, so actionability is moderate, i.e.

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the threat can be minimized in newly developing areas.

Species: Etheostoma fusiforme (Swamp Darter)

Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Nutrient loading from residential runoff degrades water quality, affects vegetation, and dissolved

oxygen levels.

Species: Pseudopleuronectes americanus (Winter Flounder)

Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Although winter flounder appear to withstand changes in water quality based on lab studies, their

primary spawning habitat is submerged aquatic vegetation like eelgrass that is highly sensitive to declines in water quality , especially nutrient inputs. Eelgrass die-offs in Maine in the 1970s are

correlated with reductions in winter flounder populations.

Class Amphibia (Amphibians) SGCN Category

Species: Lithobates pipiens (Northern Leopard Frog)

Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Aquatic larvae are sensitive to toxins, excessive nutrients, and pharmaceutical pollution

Class Asteroidea (Sea Stars) SGCN Category

Species: Asterias rubens (Common Sea Star)

Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including

pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but comparatively to

larvae, less effected.

Species: Crossaster papposus (Common Sun Star)

Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including heavy

metals and pesticides), and/or sediments orginating from water-borne sewerage and non-point run-off from housing and urban areas. Liklihood is high and increasing (high certainty), current spatial extent is most severe in Southern Maine, but expanding along coast, so actionability is moderate, i.e. the threat

can be minimized in newly developing areas expanding into the geospatial range of this species..

Species: *Asterias forbesi* (Forbes's Starfish)

Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including

pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but comparatively to

larvae, less effected.

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Class Asteroidea (Sea Stars) **SGCN Category** Species: Solaster endeca (Purple Sunstar) Actionability: Moderately actionable Severity: Severe Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including heavy metals and pesticides), and/or sediments orginating from water-borne sewerage and non-point run-off from housing and urban areas. Liklihood is high and increasing (high certainty), current spatial extent is most severe in Southern Maine, but expanding along coast, so actionability is moderate, i.e. the threat can be minimized in newly developing areas expanding into the geospatial range of this species. Species: Stephanasterias albula (White Sea Star) 2 Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but comparatively to larvae, less effected. Class **SGCN Category** Bivalvia (Marine And Freshwater Molluscs) Species: Alasmidonta varicosa (Brook Floater) 1 **Severity:** Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable Notes: Impacts to water quality from point and non-point sources; direct impacts of toxins to mussels and/or fish hosts Species: Leptodea ochracea (Tidewater Mucket) 1 Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable Notes: Impacts to water quality from point and non-point sources; direct impacts of toxins to mussels and/or fish hosts Species: Lampsilis cariosa (Yellow Lampmussel) 1 Severity: Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable Notes: Impacts to water quality from point and non-point sources; direct impacts of toxins to mussels and/or fish hosts **SGCN Category** Class Echinoidea (Sea Urchins) Species: Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis (Green Sea Urchin) 2 **Severity:** Severe **Actionability:** Moderately actionable Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but comparatively to larvae. less effected. Class **SGCN Category** Gastropoda (Aquatic And Terrestrial Snails) Species: Stagnicola mighelsi (Bigmouth Pondsnail) 1 **Severity:** Moderate Severity **Actionability:** Highly actionable Notes: Water quality impacts from camps and other development may negatively affect populations which occur predominantly at lakes with low camp densities Class **SGCN Category** Holothuroidea (Sea Cucumbers) Species: Cucumaria frondosa (Orange-footed Sea Cucumber) 2 Actionability: Moderately actionable Severity: Severe Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including

pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but comparatively to

larvae, less effected.

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Class	Holo	thuroidea (Sea Cucumbers)	SGCN Category
Sp	Species: Psolus fabricii (Psolus)		
	Severity:	Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (in pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but co larvae, less effected.	_
Sp	ecies: <i>Psolus phantapus</i>	s (Psolus)	2
	Severity:	Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (in pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but co larvae, less effected.	_
Sp	ecies: Thyonidium drum	nmondii (Sea Cucumber)	2
	Severity:	Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (in pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but collarvae, less effected.	_
Class	Insec	cta (Insects)	SGCN Categor
Sp	ecies: Enallagma latera	le (New England Bluet)	2
·		Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Aquatic larvae and submerged aquatic vegetation sensitive to water quality	
Sp	ecies: Gomphus quadric	color (Rapids Clubtail)	2
	Severity:	Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Aquatic larvae sensitive to water quality	
Sp	ecies: Enallagma pictun	n (Scarlet Bluet)	2
	Severity:	Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Aquatic larvae and submerged aquatic vegetation sensitive to water quality	
Sp	ecies: Lanthus vernalis	(Southern Pygmy Clubtail)	2
	Severity:	Moderate Severity Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Headwater streams receive limited protections; aquatic larvae sensitive to water qualit	Ξ y
Class	Mala	acostraca (Crustaceans)	SGCN Categor
Sp	ecies: Pandalus borealis	s (Northern Shrimp)	1
	Severity:	Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Crustacean larvae and adults are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic characteristic (including pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments.	emicals
Sp	ecies: Lebbeus polaris (Polar Lebbeid Shrimp)	2
	Severity:	Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable	
	Notes:	Crustacean larvae and adults are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic characteristic (including pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments.	emicals
Sp	ecies: Lebbeus groenlar	ndicus (Spiny Lebbeid Shrimp)	2
	Severity:	•	
	Notes:	Crustacean larvae and adults are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic characteristic (including pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments.	emicals
Class	Merc	ostomata (Horseshoe Crabs And Sea Scorpions)	SGCN Category

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Class Merostomata (Horseshoe Crabs And Sea Scorpions) SGCN Category

Species: Limulus polyphemus (Horseshoe Crab)

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Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Crustacean larvae and adults are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals

(including pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments.

Class Ophiuroidea (Brittle Stars)

SGCN Category

Species: Gorgonocephalus arcticus (Northern Basket Starfish)

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Severity: Severe Actionability: Moderately actionable

Notes: Echinoderm larvae are exceptionally sensitive to excessive nutrients, toxic chemicals (including

pesticides and chemical therapeutants), and/or sediments. Adults are sensitive, but comparatively to

larvae, less effected.

Habitats Associated With This Stressor:

Macrogroup Central Hardwood Swamp

Habitat System Name: North-Central Interior Wet Flatwoods

Notes: Pollution from poorly buffered development

Macrogroup Emergent Marsh

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Freshwater Marsh

Notes: Runoff from adjacent development may add excess nutrients, sediment, heavy metals, etc.

Macrogroup Intertidal Bedrock

Habitat System Name: High Intertidal

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Low-Intertidal

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Mid-Intertidal

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can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Intertidal Gravel Shore

Habitat System Name: High Intertidal

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lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

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Macrogroup Intertidal Gravel Shore

Habitat System Name: Lower Intertidal

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Mid-Intertidal

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Intertidal Mollusc Reefs

Habitat System Name: Gastropod Reef

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Mussel Reef

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Oyster Reef

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Intertidal Mudflat

Habitat System Name: Freshwater Tidal Marsh

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can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Non-Vascular Mudflat

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lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

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lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

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Macrogroup Intertidal Sandy Shore

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Macrogroup Intertidal Sandy Shore

Habitat System Name: Sand Beach

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mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Sand Flat

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Intertidal Tidal Marsh (peat-forming)

Habitat System Name: Acadian Coastal Salt Marsh

Notes: Freshwater tidal marshes might be impacted more than salt marshes where ocean can make pollutants more diffuse.

Eutrophication... Deegan et al. 2012

Habitat System Name: Coastal Plain Tidal Marsh

Notes: Freshwater tidal marshes might be impacted more than salt marshes where ocean can make pollutants more diffuse.

Eutrophication... Deegan et al. 2012

Macrogroup Intertidal Water Column

Habitat System Name: Confined Channel

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Embayment

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Exposed Shore

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can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Lakes and Ponds

Habitat System Name: Dystrophic Habitat System Name: Eutrophic

Habitat System Name: Mesotrophic or Intermediate

Habitat System Name: Oligotrophic

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Macrogroup Northeastern Floodplain Forest

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Floodplain Systems

Notes: More of a concern in developed parts of state

Macrogroup Rivers and Streams

Habitat System Name: Ephemeral

Notes: Impacts likely, but hard to quantify since most ephemeral streams are not mapped

Habitat System Name: Headwaters and Creeks

Habitat System Name: Large River
Habitat System Name: Medium River
Habitat System Name: Small River

Macrogroup Subtidal Bedrock Bottom

Habitat System Name: Bedrock

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Erect Epifauna

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Kelp Bed

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Subtidal Coarse Gravel Bottom

Habitat System Name: Coarse Gravel

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can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

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can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

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Macrogroup Subtidal Mollusc Reefs

Habitat System Name: Gastropod Reef

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Mussel Reef

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Oyster Reef

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Subtidal Mud Bottom

Habitat System Name: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Unvegetated

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Subtidal Pelagic (Water Column)

Habitat System Name: Confined Channel

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Nearshore

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Offshore

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

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Macrogroup Subtidal Pelagic (Water Column)

Habitat System Name: Upwelling Zones

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can

lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

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mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Subtidal Sand Bottom

Habitat System Name: Submerged Aquatic Vegetation

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Habitat System Name: Unvegetated

Notes: Though this threat can be reduced with the implementation of best management pratices, in coastal watersheds, runoff

can lead to non-point source pollution of nutrients, fertilizer, sediments, pesticides, vehicle contaminants, etc., which can lead to poor water quality in tidal areas and lead to excessive algal growth (from nutrients) and reduced fitness and/or

mortality (toxic contaminants).

Macrogroup Wet Meadow-Shrub Marsh

Habitat System Name: Introduced Wetland and Riparian Vegetation

Notes: Runoff from adjacent development may add excess nutrients, sediment, heavy metals, etc.

Habitat System Name: Laurentian-Acadian Wet Meadow-Shrub Swamp

Notes: Runoff from adjacent development may add excess nutrients, sediment, heavy metals, etc.

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